Central Funds for Brahmaputra Board

6791. SHRI UDDHAB BARMAN: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of funds provided by the Union Government to the Brahmaputra Board during last three years, year-wise; and

(b) the details of projects cleared by the Brahmaputra Board and sanctioned by the Union Government in the North-eastern region during last three years?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) The grants-in-aid released to the Brahmaputra Board during the last three years are as follows:-

(i)	1988-89	Rs.500 lakhs
(ii)	1989-90	Rs. 665 lakhs
(iii)	1990-91	Rs. 482 lakhs

(b) The following are the schemes cleared by Brahmaputra Board and sanctioned by the Union Government:-

(i) Narrang Drainage Improvement Scheme, (Cost Rs. 490 lakhs)

(ii) North -Eastern Hydraulic and Allied Research Institute, (Cost Rs. 470 lakhs)

[*Translation*]

News-Item Captioned "Delhi Police Ke Jawanon Mein Asantosh Panap Raha Hai"

6792. SHRI SHIV SHARAN VERMA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned "Delhi Police Ke Jawanon Mein Asantosh Panap Raha Hai" appearing in Navbharat Times dated August 1,1991; and

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto and the steps taken or proposed to be taken in the regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) A news-item captioned "Delhi Police Ke Jawanon Mein Asantosh Panap Raha Hai" appeared in Navbharat Times dated August 1, 1991. The news-item referred to certain demands of the Delhi Police Karamchari Kalyan Parishad, mainly relating to provision of residential accomodation, grant of weekly rest, avoiding long hours of duty, restricting deployment of constables as orderlies, etc.

(b) The Government have taken certain steps for increasing residential accommodation, weekly rest is being provided and orderlies are being appointed as per the fixed norms.

Agreement Between Management and Employees' Federation on N.P.C.C.

6793. SHRI. BHOGENDRA JHA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any agreement was reached between the Management and the Employees' Federation of the National Projects Construction Corporation Limited on March 22, 1991; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the time by which it is likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI. VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) and (b): A Memorandum of Settlement was signed between the Management of National Projects Construction Corporation Limited and All India National Projects Construction Corporation Limited Employees Federation on 22nd March, 1991. The important features of the Settlement are re-instatement of retrenched and terminated workmen up to the end of September, 1991; re-instatement of workmen of Totladoh Unit from the date of their termination; review on merit of the cases of workmen dismissed on disciplinary grounds; to initiate negotiations for wage settlement effective for a period of 8 years from January, 1987 to December, 1994 and withdrawal of pending cases before Labour Authorities/Courts/Industrial Tribunals. Most of the clauses of the settlement are scheduled for implementation by 30th September, 1991.

[*English*]

Priority to Persons Registered under OYT Category for Telephone Connections.

6794. SHRI. GURUDAS KAMAT: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have decided to give priority to applicants for telephone connections registered under OYT category;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the number of connections to be sanctioned to applicants registered under non-OYT category during the current year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI. RAJESH PILOT): (a) and (b): At the time of bulk capacity releases, out of the 3 categories of registrants, people registered under OYT category get a higher percentage of release as per the scheme.

(c) About 4 lakh new connections under Non-OYT category are expected to be released during the current year.

Haj Pilgrimage

6795. SHRI. SYED SHAHABUDDIN:
SHRI. T.J. ANJALOSE:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of applications for Haj pilgrimage received from each State during last three years, year-wise;

(b) the number of Haj Pilgrims by air, sea and ports of exit during the above period year-wise;

(c) the catchment area for each port of exit and the State-wise break up of pilgrims for each of them;

(d) whether there is any plan for fixing quota for those States where the demand for Haj Pilgrimage is high;

(e) if so, the details thereof;

(f) the State-wise representation in the existing Haj Committee;

(g) the present status of the proposed amendments to the Haj committee Act as approved by the Central Haj Advisory Board;

(h) the present composition of the Board and the date of its last meeting; and

(i) the steps taken by the Government for providing more facilities to Haj Pilgrims?